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TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJ: ROYAL THAI POLICE HELICOPTER SALE

STATE FOR S/NM; RANGOON FOR RUDY HALL

1. THE ROYAL THAI POLICE (RTP), AVIATION DIVISION IS PROPOSING THE SALE OF 6 BELL 204B AND 7 FAIRCHILD FS-110 HELICOPTERS WHICH ARE OBSOLETE AND WHOSE MAINTENANCE ARE NO LONGER ECONOMICAL. RTP/AVIATION DIVISION INTENDS PURCHASING TWO (2) NEW HELICOPTERS WITH THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE. THE PROPOSAL IS LONG OVERDUE. APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO, THE MISSION RECOMMENDED THE PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION NOW PRESENTED BY THE AVIATION DIVISION.

2. DTEC, WHO MUST MAKE AN INDEPENDENT JUDGEMENT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROPOSED SALE SINCE THE HELICOPTERS WERE PROVIDED BY THE USG UNDER A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GRANT, IS REQUESTING FROM THE EMBASSY THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AVIATION ADVISOR TO ASSIST THEM IN MAKING THEIR DECISION. DTEC BELIEVES THEY MUST USE AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT ON THE MATTER TO AVOID ANY CRITICISM OF THEIR DECISION PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY HAVE NO PERSON ON THEIR STAFF QUALIFIED TO MADE THE APPRAISAL.

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3. THE TDY ADVISOR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A SURVEY OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AND SUBMIT TO DTEC A REPORT ON THEIR CONDITION AND RECOMMENDING A COURSE OF ACTION. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS AND DTEC AGREES THAT RUDY HALL

BE ASSISGNED ON TDY TO PERFORM THE SURVEY NEEDED BY DTEC,
AND SEEKS S/NM'S AND RANGOON'S APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED
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